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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: CREDENTIALS

1. UN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FARAH TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR BENNETT, SEPTEMBER 11, TO INFORM HIM THAT MAURITANIA DEFINITELY HAS DECIDED NOT TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SEAT TO BE VACATED BY SENEGAL. MAURITANIA REPORTEDLY DID NOT WISH TO BE CAUGHT IN SQUEEZE BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND LIBYAN APPROACHES TO ISRAELI ISSUE AND WITHDREW CANDIDACY ACCORDINGLY. I APPEARS LIBYA DEFINITELY WILL REPLACE TANZANIA ON COMMITTEE, BUT SENEGAL'S PLACE NOW IS UP FOR GRABS, WITH DECISION TO BE MADE BY AFRICAN GROUP EITHER SEPTEMBER 12 OR 15. SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE HEARD CAMEROON HAS INSIDE TRACK. GHANA IS ALSO WILLING TO SERVE.

2. AMBASSADOR BENNETT TELEPHONED ISRAELI DEPUTY PERM REP ELIAV TO INFORM HIM OF THIS BACKGROUND. ISRAELIS PRESUMABLY WILL MOVE TO ENCOURAGE POTENTIALLY FRIENDLY AFRICAN STATES TO PRESENT THEIR CANDIDACY.

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